

The IHSA Music Sweepstakes is an annual competition that judges solo and ensemble performances based on tone, technique, performance, creativity and other metrics. The exceptional performance of the students secured Stockton's first Class C State Championship, having already won seven Class D Championships over the last ten years. It gives me great pleasure to see these students thriving in school and with their peers despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of driven and dedicated individuals such as these students that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Stockton High School Choral and Instrumental Music Department on being named Class C State Champions. I commend their hard work and perseverance, and I am very proud to be their Representative.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA
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HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Barbara Proffitt a happy 85th birthday.

Barbara is a key figure in the Hardin County community, who is known for her kindness to all she encounters.

Barbara devotes much of her time serving her community. She is the North Hardin High School boys' basketball team's biggest supporter and "team mom." With her father, brother, and husband all having served in the military, Barbara is well connected to the military community. She volunteers to pack food boxes for soldiers who are deployed and bakes her famous pecan pie for each change of command at Fort Knox. Barbara is affectionately known on post as "The Pie Lady."

For 30 years, Barbara also served the community through her role as the community/guest relations coordinator at Hardin Memorial Hospital, which is now called Baptist Health Hardin. In this role, she connected the community to the hospital through meetings, dinners, tours, parades, and special functions.

Barbara is a proud mother to Rhonda Hunter and Blake Proffitt, grandmother to three grandchildren, and great-grandmother to a great-grandchild. Happy Birthday Barbara and thanks for all that you do for the Hardin County community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.
JOHN LOVORN JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 13, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Mr. John Lovorn Jr., who passed away on July 28, 2021.

Mr. Lovorn was born in Jackson, MS and raised in Fairfax, VA. He attended Southern Miss and began his career in Greenwood, MS at the Chamber of Commerce. He then went on to be Vice President of JESCO and later joined PHH Fantus as vice president and principal. In 1993 he started his own successful consulting firm, The Pace Group. He was known to be a gifted public speaker, story teller, and author.

Mr. Lovorn is survived by his wife of 50 years, their two children and three grandchildren. He was a longtime, active member of First United Methodist Church and an avid supporter of various charities in the Tupelo community.

Mr. Lovorn's positive attitude and generous heart will be dearly missed.